
OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.

W. Dale Clark Main Library – 215 South 15th Street

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 South 15th Street (Omaha).

President Kennedy stated that no action would be taken at the meeting since there is no quorum of the public.

Meeting convened with Reports only.

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

2. This meeting was advertised in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on May 13, 2022, and was held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#).

BRANCH REPORT

3. **Natalie Struecker, Branch Manager**

Natalie Struecker, Branch Manager of W. Dale Clark Main Library, appeared and spoke. She discussed facts about the Branch and answered questions from Board members.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

4. **Wendy Robinson, Business Office Manager**

Wendy Robinson, Business Office Manager, appeared and spoke. She discussed her role within Omaha Public Library.

DOT.COMM REPORT

5. **Bobby Wernli, IT Director**

Bobby Wernli, IT Director, appeared and spoke. He discussed his role with the City of Omaha and DOT.Comm, and answered questions from Board members.

CENTRAL LIBRARY PRESENTATION

6. **OPL Central Library Team members**

The following OPL Central Library Team members gave a presentation on the proposed Central Library:

- Nancy Novak, Partner, Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture
- Margaret Sullivan, Principal, Margaret Sullivan Studio
- Tom Trenolone, Design Director, HDR

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

7. [Approval of minutes – April 21, 2022](#)

Due to no quorum of the Board, Agenda Item 7 will be laid over to the June 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

8. [Res. 2022-07 Approval of temporary morning closure of all branches \(except South Library\) for staff training on August 25](#)

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9. [Res. 2022-08 Approval of temporary closure at Saddlebrook Branch for gym resurfacing on July 22 and 23](#)

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REPORTS

10. [Director's Report](#) – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)

Rachel Steiner, Assistant Director, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from the report.

11. **Board President's Report** – Mike Kennedy (President)

A. Evaluation of Executive Director at June 16 Board meeting (Executive Session)

B. Board Officer nominations (Resolution to approve slate of Officers at June 16 Board meeting)

None.

12. [Friends of Omaha Public Library](#) – Margaret Pope (President)

Margaret Pope, President of Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

13. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#) – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

14. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. **Finance Committee** – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, Mullen

None.

16. **Community Engagement Committee** – Barrett (Chair), Grundy Meadows, Williams

None.

17. **Facilities Committee** – Wang (Chair), Gales, Lutz, Mullen

Wang stated that all slides from various meetings are available on the [Facilities Projects' websites](#).

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

18. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. The Board may recess and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel issues, and/or any other matter allowed by law.

ADJOURNMENT

DUE TO THE LACK OF QUORUM, PRESIDENT MIKE KENNEDY ADJOURNED THE MEETING.